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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) _____ is/are pending in the application. *1-57 and 62-68*
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected. *1-4, 11-17 22-24 and 27-54*
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to. *18-21 25 and 26*
- 8) Claim(s) *62-68* are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

*Jerome W. Donnelly
Primary Examiner*

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

Claims 6-10 are allowed.

Claims 18-21, 25 and 26 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 11-15, 22-24, 31-41 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Simmons.

Simmons discloses a device comprising between the remote and local components a device including an exoskeleton a (propulsion means) means for moving The components of the remote device components sensor within the local components of the device for sensing tilt and angular positioning of the exoskeleton and a control unit.

The device of claims 1-4 and 11-15 is fully disclosed in the drawing of Simons Figs 1-3 6 and 11.

In regard to claim 22 Simmons discloses a device which has embodiment which employ gas cylinders, hydraulic cylinders and rotary motors.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 10, 16, 17, 27-30, 42-44 and 46-57 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Simmons in view of Biovona.

In regard to claims 27, 28, 29 and 30 Simmon discloses the elements which may be interpreted as accelerometers, tilt sensor and a goniometer.

In regard to claims 42-57 the examiners notes that the claims elements are common and obvious features in the environment of electro-mechanical robotic mechanisms.

In regard to claims the examiner also notes that it is well known and that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a rounded walking surface on the bottom surface of the device of Simmons for the purpose of providing a smoother stride to the robot.

In regard to claims 16 and 17 the examiner considers the features of protrusion attachment associated with a linear cylinder means and a pivotal connection of a cylinder to a pivotal lever (arm) means as feature well known in the art and obvious, although not specifically disclosed by Simmons.

Claims 62-67 withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 07/27/04.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jerome Donnelly at telephone number (703) 308-2668.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

